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For : UNIQUE ASSOCIATED KAPOSI'S SARCOMA VIRUS SEQUENCES  
AND USES THEREOF

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 30, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to a July 30, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 30, 2001 Office Action is now due August 30, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 43-49 are pending in the subject application.

**Election/Restriction**

The Examiner stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 43 and 49, allegedly drawn to a peptide, classified in class 530, subclass 300; and